

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Steven S. Homer, et al.	Examiner:	Anthony Q. Edwards
Serial No.:	10/661,717	Group Art Unit:	2835
Filed:	September 12, 2003	Docket No.:	200312716-1
Title:	Computer with Adjustable Display		

REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.41

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Sir:

This Reply Brief is filed in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed December 7, 2006.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

Status of Claims

Applicants acknowledge that the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 13-20 and 24-27 are rejected and subject to appeal.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-12, 22, and 23 are allowed and not subject to appeal.

Response to Examiner's Arguments

Regarding independent claim 13, the Examiner provides new sketches of Figs. 6 and 7 of Landry and argues as follows: "Although these particular drawing figures are not provided in the Landry reference, it can be clearly surmised from the draftsman's depiction that the claimed limitation can be performed by the prior art structure of Landry" (see Examiner's Answer at p. 4). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Claim 13 recites adjusting the display to a vertical position such that "a center of gravity of the display is between a first pivot point at the base and a second pivot point at the display." Landy does not discuss or even suggest the location of the center of gravity for his display. In fact, as shown in the Examiner's new sketch of Fig. 6, the display in Landry appears ready to fall over. In this awkward position, the center of gravity of display 88 is not between hinge 90 and hinge 206.

Regarding independent claim 18, the Examiner provides new sketches of Figs. 6 and 7 of Landry and argues these figures show a display "such that a center of gravity of the display is between two different and parallel axes that pass through two different rotational locations" (see Examiner's Answer at p. 7). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Claim 18 recites that the display is above the base and abuts against a straight portion of the means for connecting. When the display is in this position, "a center of gravity of the display is between two different and parallel axes that pass through two different rotational axes." Landy does not discuss or even suggest the location of the center of gravity for his display. In fact, as shown in the Examiner's new sketch of Fig. 6, the display in Landry appears ready to fall over. In this awkward position, the center of gravity of display 88 is not between hinge 90 and hinge 206.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request the Board of Appeals to reverse the Examiner's rejection.

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